

REMARKS

The final Office Action of August 6, 2007, and the Advisory Action of November 2, 2007 have been reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. By this amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 33, 47, 49, 51, and 53 have been amended, no claims have been cancelled, and no new claims have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 2, 3-11, 33, 34, 36-39, and 46-53 remain pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 4, 8, 11, 46, 47, and 49-52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,226,367 (Smith). Applicants traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite associating a group of terminal operating characteristics with a first user profile of a communication terminal, “wherein each of the user profiles [on the communication terminal] corresponds to a set of user preferences and settings that control the operation of the communication terminal.” Amended claim 1 further recites, “configuring the communication terminal to operate according to the received group of terminal operating characteristics in response to a selection of the first user profile.” The Advisory Action on page 2 states, “Examiner has interpreted the term [profile] broadly to read on the saving of an electronic business card on a communication terminal.” Although Applicants disagree with this interpretation of the term “profile,” claim 1 has been amended to recite that the user profiles correspond to “user preferences and settings that control the operation of the communication terminal.” In contrast, Smith’s electronic business cards do not disclose or even relate to user preferences or settings that control the operation of a communication terminal. Rather, an electronic business card is merely a set of contact information describing an individual (e.g., name, title, phone number, e-mail address) that is stored in a table or data structure in Smith’s system. See FIGS. 6, 8A-8D, 11A-11B, 12A-12C, 13A-13B; col. 6, line 45 to col. 7, line 31, and col. 8, lines 9-64. Therefore, Smith’s electronic business cards do not disclose “user profiles correspond[ing] to a set of user preferences and

settings that control the operation of the communication terminal a user profile of the communication terminal,” nor does Smith teach or suggest any related concept. Smith also fails to teach or suggest, “configuring the communication terminal to operate according to the received group of terminal operating characteristics in response to a selection of the first user profile,” as recited in claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1 is not anticipated by Smith and respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Independent claim 49 has been amended to recite apparatus configured to perform a method comprising the steps recited in claim 1, including associating a group of terminal operating characteristics with a first user profile of an apparatus, “wherein each of the user profiles [on the apparatus] corresponds to a set of user preferences and settings that control the operation of the apparatus,” and “configuring the apparatus to operate according to the received group of terminal operating characteristics in response to a selection of the first user profile.” Thus, for at least the same reasons discussed above in relation to claim 1, independent claim 49 is allowable over Smith.

Dependent claims 4, 8, 11, 46, 47, and 50-52 depend either from claim 1 or claim 49 and are allowable for at least the same reasons and their respective base claims, as well as based on the additional features recited therein.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2 and 53 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,675,008 (Paik). Claims 5-7, 33, 38, 39, and 48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,158,805 (Park). Claims 9, 23, 36, and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith in view of Paik, and further in view of Park. Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith in view of Paik and Park, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2002/0069220 (Tran).

Independent claim 33 has been amended to recite associating a group of terminal operating characteristics with a user-selectable profile of a communication terminal having one or more user-selectable profiles stored on the communication terminal, “wherein each of the user-selectable profiles [on the communication terminal] corresponds to a set of user preferences

and settings that control the operation of the communication terminal.” Furthermore, neither Paik, nor Park, nor Tran overcomes the deficiencies of Smith discussed above, in that none of the cited references teaches or suggests “a user profile” or “a user-selectable profile” as recited in independent claims 1, 33, and 49. Paik never even mentions the term “profile,” and the ‘profiles’ discussed in Tran and Park refer to entirely different meanings of the word which are unrelated to a set of preferences and user settings for operating a communication terminal. Therefore, none of the cited references discloses a profile of a communication terminal as recited in the pending claims. Accordingly, for at least the same reasons discussed above in relation to claim 1, claims 2, 5-7, 9, 10, 23, 33, 36-39, 48 and 53 are allowable over any of the purposed combinations of cited art.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3153.

Respectfully submitted,

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